

Ever since the disastrous 1996 deregulation , American media has undergone a profoundly negative evolution in that radio and cable has concentrated into ownership by a select few. The founders of our Constitution stipulated that there should be a "diversity of opinion".The example of Clear Channel ,by gobbling up stations and discarding local news for prerecorded generic information skewed toward its own right wing politics, illustrates exactly NOT what Jefferson and Adams had in mind.After all, the airwaves are publically owned, not the property of braodcasters and advertisers.The FCC should protect this trust and not cast it away to laissez-faire free market forces.

Preventing other voices to be heard because a select few control the pipelines is not congruent with the spirit of the Constitution. Michael Powell is sadly mistaken when he says that if people want other voices they can go to the internet.His "let them eat cake" attitude is not what the public should expect from the stewards of the public airwaves.I urge the FCC to retain strong limits and regulation on broadcast ownership. Anything less is unconstitutional.